FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) President of India is the appointing authority for the Physicians. Deputy Director, C.G.H.S. is the appointing authority of Pharmacists.

(b) Yes, since appointment of Physicians is made through U.P.S.C. on All India basis their seniority is fixed by UPSC themselves and as such, the seniority is maintained on All India basis, whereas the Pharmacists are recruited by the respective Units of CGHS through the Local Employment Exchange of the city. As such their seniority is maintained city-wise.

Upgradation of CGHS Units to Dispensaries

688. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to upgrade the status of C.G.H.S. Units to C.G.H.S. Dispensaries in various systems of Medicines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the upgradation is likely to be affected by C.G.H.S.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) No such proposal is under consideration at present.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Medical/Paramedical Sanctioned Staff in CGHS Units in Delhi

689. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the medical and paramedical sanctioned staff strength for C.G.H.S. Units of various system of medicines in Delhi;

(b) whether in C.G.H.S. Homoeopathic unit, South Avenue, New Delhi the staff posted is more than the sanctioned strength; and

(c) if so, the reasons for putting more staff than the sanctioned strength in one unit, ignoring the other unit in respect of increasing the staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The sanctioned staff strength in accordance with the adopted norm of ISM and Homoeopathic units is as under:—

(i) Physician.....2

(ii) Pharmacist cum-Clerk.....1

(iii) Class IV.....1

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. One Pharmacist-cum-Clerk and one Safaiwala are posted for the time being at CGHS unit, South Avenue over and above the sanctioned strength.

Facilities provided to war widows

690. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what facilities have been provided by Government to war widows in the matter of pension, education, employment, medical care, housing etc;

(b) whether there is any welfare fund for the war widows if so, which authority monitors the spending of the funds so as to avoid its misuse and what is the periodicity of the audit of funds, if any, stating when the funds were audited last and the nature of the irregularities, if any, found in its operation; and

(c) whether voluntary organisations are also given grants for welfare of war widows; if so, what is the basis on which funds are given to the voluntary organisation and the manner in which the grants are monitored?